Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

1842.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, September 13th, A. D. 1842.

PRESENT:

M.E. ELIJAH ATHERTON, . .	Grand High Priest.
E. THOMAS TOLMAN, . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" JOHN R. BRADFORD, .	Grand King.
" ROBERT KEITH, . .	Grand Scribe.
" ABRAHAM A. DAME, .	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN, .	Grand Secretary.
Rev. SEBASTIAN STREETER, .	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. HUGH H. TUTTLE, . .	Grand Marshal.
" ELIAS HASKELL,	
" SIMON W. ROBINSON,	Committee of Finance.
" RUEL BAKER,	
" CHAS. W. MOORE,	
" SAMUEL WALES,	Committee of Charity.
" JOHN HEWS,	
" SIMON W. ROBINSON,	Grand Lecturers.
" CHARLES W. MOORE,	
" JOSIAH BALDWIN, . .	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

EDW'D A. RAYMOND, ENOCH HOBART.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:— St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, and Mount Zion.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and the records of the last meeting read.

The Committee of Finance submitted their annual report, which was read and accepted, and is as follows, viz:

GRAND CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS,
September 13th, 1842.

The Committee of Finance have attended to that part of their duty which requires them to audit and examine the Treasurer's accounts, and they have the satisfaction to report, that they found them correctly cast and properly avouched. The whole amount of receipts the last year is $36, viz:

St. Andrew's Chapter have paid . . .	$15 00
St. Paul's " " . . .	9 00
Mount Zion " " . . .	6 00
Sutton " " . . .	6 00
	$36 00

And the Treasurer has paid sundry bills, for which he exhibited suitable vouchers, amounting to $56.68, which leaves a balance due the Treasurer of $20.58.

St. John's Chapter, Groton, have contributed nothing to the funds of the Grand Chapter for the last fourteen years, and stand charged in the sum of $84. This Chapter, your Committee believe, are abundantly able to pay, having a fund of several hundred dollars, and recommend that the Grand Chapter insist upon its immediate payment.

The Chapter at Sutton has paid nothing, with the exception of the last year, since 1828, and they stand charged in the Treasurer's books to the amount of $78.

Adoniram Chapter are two years in arrears, which is $12, and they also have funds and ought to pay promptly. The Treasurer

has not failed to remind them of their delinquency and to urge immediate payment, but for reasons best known to themselves they still persist in their refusal.

The Treasurer's account current accompanies and makes part of this report.

Your Committee would further state that they have examined the Secretary's books and find them neatly and accurately kept. The duties of this department have been unusually arduous the past year; and your Committee regret that the state of the funds will not admit of making him a suitable remuneration for his services; they recommend, however, (as an earnest of what they would do if they had the means,) that he receive eight dollars.

The Treasurer declines receiving, as usual, any compensation for his services.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SIMON W. ROBINSON,
RUEL BAKER,
ELIAS HASKELL,
Committee of Finance.

A discussion relating to delinquent Chapters, under this jurisdiction, took place, when it was *Voted*, that the following Chapters be struck from the list and their Charters declared forfeited, viz:

MORNING STAR CHAPTER, . .	at Springfield.
BROOKFIELD CHAPTER, . . .	at Brookfield.
KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, . .	at Charlton.
MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER, . .	at Medway.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary and E. Comp. Charles W. Moore, be a committee to obtain the Charters of the Chapters aforementioned, and that they use their best endeavors for that purpose.

The Council of this Grand Chapter, reported that a copy of the vote passed at the last meeting, relating to delinquent Chapters, had been forwarded to St. John's Chapter, Groton, directed to M.E. Caleb Butler, but that no answer had been returned.

Voted, That the Council of St. John's Chapter, at Groton, be summoned to appear before this Grand Chapter, at its next meeting, to show cause why their Charter, regalia and funds should not be forfeited to this Grand Chapter.

Voted, That the subject of Adoniram Chapter at Taunton, be referred to the Grand High Priest.

Voted, That the subject of Sutton Chapter, at Sutton, be committed to E. Comp. Charles W. Moore and the Grand Secretary.

Voted to proceed to the choice of officers for the ensuing year. The Grand Chapter then went into Committee of the whole,—M.E. Simon W. Robinson in the chair.

Comps. Raymond, Baker, and Hodges, were appointed a Committee to collect, sort and count the votes. A return of the Grand Chapter was made, when it was found there were 18 voters present. The Committee then proceeded to the discharge of their duty, when the following companions were unanimously re-elected to the offices set against their names, viz:

M.E. ELIJAH ATHERTON, . . .	Grand High Priest.
E. THOMAS TOLMAN, . . .	Dep. G. High Priest.
" JOHN R. BRADFORD, . . .	Grand King.
" ROBERT KEITH, ...	Grand Scribe.
" ABRAHAM A. DAME, . . .	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN, . . .	Grand Secretary.

The Committee then rose, and by their Chairman, reported the foregoing elections, which report was accepted by the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Officers elect, were then qualified in the usual manner.

The following appointments were then announced from the chair, and approved by the Grand Chapter, viz:

Comp. HUGH H. TUTTLE,	Grand Marshal.
" RUEL BAKER, " GILBERT NURSE,	Grand Stewards.
Rev. SEBASTIAN STREETER, " E. M. P. WELLS, " BENJAMIN HUNTOON,	Grand Chaplains.
Comp. ELIAS HASKELL, " SIMON W. ROBINSON, " RUEL BAKER,	Committee of Finance.
" CHARLES W. MOORE, " JOHN HEWS, " SAMUEL WALES, " CALEB BUTLER,	Committee of Charity.
" SIMON W. ROBINSON, " CHARLES W. MOORE,	Grand Lecturers.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN,	Grand Tyler.

Comps. Gilbert Nurse, and Ruel Baker, (the latter by Jonathan Emerson, proxy,) were duly installed Grand Stewards.

The usual proclamation was then made by the Grand Marshal, that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was duly organized.

Parts of lectures were given on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees.

The Grand Chapter was then closed until the second Wednesday of October next.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL MEETING.

A Special Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, Wednesday evening, October 12th, A. D. 1842, R. A. M. 2372.

PRESENT:

M.E. ELIJAH ATHERTON,	Grand High Priest.
E. THOMAS TOLMAN,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" JOHN R. BRADFORD,	Grand King.
" ROBERT KEITH,	Grand Scribe.
" ABRAHAM A. DAME,	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN,	Grand Secretary.
" CHARLES W. MOORE,	Grand Lecturer.
" HUGH H. TUTTLE,	Grand Marshal.
" RUEL BAKER, " GILBERT NURSE,	Grand Stewards.
" ELIAS HASKELL, " SIMON W. ROBINSON,	Committee of Finance.
" SAMUEL WALES, " JOHN HEWS,	Committee of Charity.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN,	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

JOHN B. HAMMATT, JOHN J. LORING,
EDWARD A. RAYMOND.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, and Saint Paul's.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and the record of the last meeting read.

The following communication from St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter was presented and read by the Grand Secretary.

"*To the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts:*

At a special meeting of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter, convened on a formal summons of its members, on Thursday evening, 29th Sept., 1842, the following preamble and resolutions, were unanimously adopted, viz:

Whereas, Theodore A. Dame, a member of this Chapter, has been guilty of gross, immoral and unmasonic conduct, of a nature such as to destroy the respectability of his character as a citizen, and to render a longer continuance of his masonic relations incompatible with the ancient and universally recognized regulations of the fraternity; and *whereas*, it is at all times and under all circumstances, a painful duty to sever, perhaps forever, the connection that subsists between brethren of the same household, to cut off and proclaim to the world, as unworthy, him whom we have cherished with the warm sincerity of fraternal love and affection; yet when occasion requires, *it is a solemn and imperative duty*, the unflinching performance of which is due alike to our own personal characters, to the unity and happiness of our Chapter, and to the welfare and reputation of our fraternity.

Be it therefore, as the highest punishment authorized or sanctioned by masonry.

Resolved, That the name of Theodore A. Dame be, and it is hereby stricken from the roll of the members of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter.

Resolved, That Theodore A. Dame, late of this city, a Royal Arch Mason, and an apothecary by profession, be and he hereby is, solemnly and fully expelled from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry.

Resolved, That an attested copy of the above resolutions be sent up to the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this Commonwealth, for confirmation.

A true copy from the records of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter.

Attest, THOMAS WATERMAN, *Sec'y.*"

Voted, That the foregoing communication be committed to M.E. Comps. Thomas Tolman, Simon W. Robinson, and Gilbert Nurse, which Committee subsequently made the following report, which was read and accepted.

The Committee to whom was referred a communication from St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter, in this city, having attended to the duties of their appointment, ask leave to report:—

That the proceedings of said Chapter relative to the expulsion of Theodore A. Dame, appear to be correct, and your Committee recommend that this Grand Chapter confirm the doings of said Chapter.

THOMAS TOLMAN,
S. W. ROBINSON,
GILBERT NURSE, } *Committee.*

Boston, Oct. 12, 1842.

Voted, That the 9th article of the Particular Regulations of this Grand Chapter, be referred to a Committee, consisting of the following companions, to consider and report, viz: Charles W. Moore, Simon W. Robinson, and John B. Hammatt.

On motion of Comp. Winslow Lewis, Jr., the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

"*Resolved*, That the donation of an organ to the Masonic Institutions in Boston, so generously bestowed by our M.E. Comp. Edward A. Raymond, Esq., shall ever be remembered by the mem-

bers of this Grand Chapter as another strong expression of that devotion to the great cause of moral harmony and philanthropy which has always been evinced by him, and that we warmly thank him for the same."

Voted, That the Grand Secretary furnish M.E. Comp. Raymond with a copy of the foregoing resolution.

The M.E. Grand High Priest reported, that the Grand Council had forwarded summonses, as directed at the last meeting, to St. John's Chapter at Groton.

M.E. John Abbott, appeared in behalf of the Council of St. John's Chapter, and made a verbal statement relative to the affairs and condition of that Chapter. After the subject had been fully discussed, it was *Voted*, That the Charter of St. John's Chapter at Groton, be revoked.

Voted, That S. W. Robinson, Abraham A. Dame, and Charles W. Moore, be a Committee with full power to receive the Charter, regalia, and all the other property of St. John's Chapter at Groton.

Parts of lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were given, and the Grand Chapter was closed in ample form.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

STATED MEETING.

A Stated Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, 7th March, A. D. 1843, R. A. M. 2373.

PRESENT:

M.E. THOMAS TOLMAN, . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. JOHN R. BRADFORD, .	Grand King.
" ROBERT KEITH, . .	Grand Scribe.
" ABRAHAM A. DAME, .	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN, .	Grand Secretary.
Comp. HUGH H. TUTTLE, . .	Grand Marshal.
" SIMON W. ROBINSON, } " CHARLES W. MOORE, }	Grand Lecturers.
" RUEL BAKER, } " GILBERT NURSE, } .	Grand Stewards.
" ELIAS HASKELL, . .	Committee of Finance.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN, . .	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS, AUGUSTUS PEABODY,
JOHN B. HAMMATT.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, and St. Paul's.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form, and the records of the last meeting read.

The following report was presented and read by Comp. Abraham A. Dame, and accepted, viz:

"IN GRAND CHAPTER, March 7, A. L. 5843.

The Committee chosen at the last meeting of this Grand Chapter, to adjust and settle with the late officers of the late St. John's Chapter at Groton, and to receive the Charter, records, by-laws, funds, jewels, regalia, furniture, and other property of said Chapter, have attended to that duty, and respectfully report, that on the 7th day of November last past, two of their number, Comps. Moore and Dame, visited Groton, having previously advised E. Comp. Butler of the time of their proposed visit, and directed him to request the attendance of the late Treasurer and Secretary of said Chapter. On the arrival of the said Sub-Committee at

Groton, they found that Comp. Butler had notified their late Treasurer, Thomas Whitney, who resides at Shirley, about seven miles from Groton, of their intended visit, and had left it optional with Comp. Whitney, whether or not, to meet the Committee as requested; after very considerable discussion with Comps. Butler and Kilbourn, who expressed a strong belief that their late Treasurer would not surrender to the Grand Chapter the evidences of debt which he held as the late Treasurer of St. John's Chapter, and also declining to give your Sub-Committee any written or verbal communication for Comp. Whitney, touching the matter, they resolved to go to Shirley and see the late Treasurer of said Chapter, Comp. Whitney, believing that they could satisfy him that his duty as a Royal Arch Mason, required him to make to the Grand Chapter a full surrender of all the funds, evidences of debt and other property, which was in his hands, as the late Treasurer of St. John's Chapter; and were truly glad, on having an interview with Comp. Whitney, to find that he did entertain the proper Masonic views, feelings and sentiments in relation to the subject; but as the Committee were entire strangers to him and had not carried with them any communication from Comp. Butler, either verbal or written, it was not to have been expected that Comp. Whitney would have felt willing to have acted alone in the premises, without advice or consultation with Comp. Butler; he therefore proposed meeting the Committee at the office of Comp. Butler in Groton, the following morning; and in pursuance of his said agreement, said Whitney met your said Sub-Committee on the morning of the 8th day of November last past, at the office of Comp. Butler, and after consultation with him, and a free expression of opinion on the part of your said Committee, Comp. Whitney surrendered to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter the following evidences of debt, viz: A note of hand of Geo. Lawrence and David Lawrence, of Littleton, dated Aug. 7th, 1821, for $25; also, a note of hand of same parties, dated March 24th, 1831, for $152.89; also, a note of hand of Caleb Butler, dated June 13th, 1842, for $44.00, payable on the 13th day of September, 1842, on which said note was endorsed Sept. 13th, 1842, $6.62. Said two first mentioned notes were payable on demand with interest, and all said notes were witnessed.

Your Committee also received from Comp. Kilbourn a mortgage made by Timothy Smith of Westford, for $45.24, dated September 12th, 1842, payable in monthly instalments of ten dollars a month, and on which had been paid $10. Said Kilbourn gave your Committee $7 and retained $3 for expenses incurred and for his services, and said Butler paid $3 on his note, and stated to the Committee, that he felt it to be his duty to pay the balance of his note, from time to time, to the widow of Comp. William F. Brazer, which Comp. Brazer was formerly a member of said Chapter.

There is also a claim against the estate of David Child, their former Secretary, who deceased several years since, of about three hundred and fifty dollars, which on enquiry is found to be entirely worthless; and it is very doubtful whether any thing can be collected on the notes of George Lawrence and David Lawrence; one of their notes is more than twenty-one years standing and is therefore outlawed; and they have no property that can be taken to secure any part of the other note, which leaves only the sum of $35.24 due from Timothy Smith, and the balance of Comp. Butler's note, being $34.38, of probable value, and that may be realized.

From the records of St. John's Chapter, dated Oct. 5th, 1840, it appears that Comp. Butler owed a note of hand, dated Oct. 21st, 1828, payable on demand with interest for $60, and there is nothing in the records then or subsequently showing how said note was disposed of or paid, but your Committee were informed by Comp. Butler, that at a meeting of the said Chapter, held on the 13th day of June, 1842, the companions then present, being five in number, authorized the Treasurer to give up said $60 note, made on said 21st day of Oct., 1828, and to give him the interest amounting to $50, and to allow his account for attending two meetings of this Grand Chapter, from the principal of said note, and to take his note for the balance of said principal of said note, being $44, payable on the 13th of September, 1842. There is however, no record of any such vote, nor was there present on said 13th day of June, a sufficient number of companions to open a Chapter. Your Committee considered it their duty to make this statement of the

matter touching Comp. Butler's note and of the manner in which the same was given up, which seems to have been done without authority.

The Charter, by-laws, records, jewels, regalia, and other furniture of said Chapter, was duly surrendered, and your Committee have caused the same to be placed in an apartment of the Temple in Boston.

Submitted by S. W. Robinson, A. A. Dame, C. W. Moore, *Committee.*"

A petition for charity from Mrs. Phebe Brazer, widow of Comp. Wm. F. Brazier, late of Groton, and certified by Comp. Caleb Butler, was presented, and read by Comp. Charles W. Moore, and committed to Comps. S. W. Robinson, A. A. Dame, and Charles W. Moore, to consider and report.

Comp. Moore, in behalf of the Committee on the By-Laws, submitted the following report, viz:

The Committee to whom was referred the 9th article of the Particular Regulations of this Grand Chapter, respectfully offer the following as a substitute therefore.

ARTICLE IX.

Suspensions and Expulsions.

When any member of a Chapter under this jurisdiction, shall be accused of any offence, which, if proved against him, would subject him to suspension or expulsion, the proceedings in the premises shall be conducted agreeably to the following rules.

1st. The accusations shall be made in writing, under the signature of a Royal Arch Mason, and given in charge to the Secretary of the Chapter, who, under the direction of the High Priest, shall serve or cause the accused to be served, with an attested copy of the charges, fourteen days at least previous to the time appointed

for their examination: *provided* the residence of the offending companion shall be known, and shall be within the distance of twenty miles of the place where the Chapter is located. If the residence of the accused be at a greater distance than twenty miles, but within the State, then, and in that case, a summons to appear, and show cause, forwarded to him by mail, or other conveyance, twenty days at least before the time of trial, shall be considered sufficient service. If the residence of the delinquent be unknown, the Chapter may proceed to examine the charges exparte.

2d. The examination of the charges shall be had in a Chapter specially notified and convened for the purpose; at which no visitors shall be admitted, except as counsel or witnesses.

3d. The accused may select his own counsel and the witnesses shall testify on their honor; hearsay evidence shall be excluded.

4th. The question—Is the accused guilty or not guilty? shall be distinctly put to each member of the Chapter by name, commencing with the youngest member. The answer shall be given standing, and in a distinct and audible manner. The Secretary shall record the answer as given.

5th. If the verdict be suspension or expulsion, the proceedings shall be sent up at the ensuing meeting of this Grand Chapter for examination.

6th. A sentence of expulsion shall not take effect, until confirmed by this Grand Chapter; but shall operate as a suspension of the delinquent.

7th. A companion feeling himself aggrieved by the decision of a Subordinate Chapter, shall have the right of an appeal to this Grand Chapter; he having previously given due and timely notice to the Subordinate Chapter, of his intention so to appeal from its decision.

8th. Whenever this Grand Chapter shall reverse, or abrogate the decision of a Subordinate Chapter, suspending or expelling a companion, and shall restore him to the benefits and privileges of

masonry; nevertheless, he shall not thereby be restored to membership within the body from which he was suspended or expelled, without its unanimous consent.

9th. In all respects, other than here specified, the proceedings shall be conducted agreeably to the regulations of ancient Craft Masonry.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. W. MOORE,
JOHN B. HAMMATT,
S. W. ROBINSON,
Committee.

The foregoing report, having been read and amended, was unanimously adopted.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary be requested to examine the records and ascertain when the time was altered for candidates to stand proposed for the degrees in Subordinate Chapters.

A communication was received from the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests, stating that the Order of High Priesthood had been conferred upon M.E. Hugh H. Tuttle, High Priest of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter.

Parts of lectures were given on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees, and the Grand Chapter closed in due form.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.